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Independence Day Celebrations.

* 266 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the students in Government institutions are required to take part compulsorily in August 15th Independence Day Celebrations; and

(*b*) whether any punishment has been prescribed by the Government or the educational authorities for failure on the part of any students to take part in such celebration?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative. The Government deeply regret that such a tendentious question has been put. There is among students enough spontaneous appreciation of the political independence achieved for our country to make any such compulsion at all necessary."

SRI V. RAMA RAO:—" ఆర్యా, కృష్ణా జిల్లా, కంచికచర్ల హైస్కూలు హెడ్‌మాస్టర్, స్వతంత్ర దినోత్సవాలలో పాల్గొనలేదనే కారణంచేత 40 మంది విద్యార్థులను కొట్టినారా? దీని విషయమై విచారణ జరుపుతారా?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I shall look into the matter."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI:—" Sir, from the answer of the Hon. Minister do I gather that wantonly not taking part in the Independence Day celebrations is not construed as disloyalty to the nation?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I have only stated that the Government will look into the matter because a specific instance is sought to be brought to the notice of the Government."

Toddy tappers and workers thrown out of employment in Malabar.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many toddy tappers and workers were thrown out of employment in Malabar on account of Prohibition; how many of them were given work by the Government; and whether the Government got any memorandum in this connexion from the Chirakkal Taluk Toddy Tappers' Union?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The number of toddy tappers thrown out of employment in Malabar on account of Prohibition is 28,489. The number of ex-tappers provided with employment so far is 22,275—A memorandum from the Chirakkal Toddy Tappers' Union on this subject was received by the Government."

2-30 p.m. SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to